C1 - PRIX ROGER CERAN-MAILLARD - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 8.000

- **1. GRACE PARKER -** Has won six times in eight starts over this course and distance, and has won her last two starts. One to beat
- **2. FOND OF YOU -** Made a satisfactory comeback with this partner so can only improve with the benefit of that outing. Place chance
- **3. GUNNAR LA MESANGE -** Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- **4. FASHION DE VAL** Has regained her form and well-being recently and did win her only outing at this course last summer. Contender
- **5. GALOPIN DE BIANCA -** Acquitted himself well in an apprentice race last time so ought to be competitive with an experienced partner engaged
- **6. GUS DES CHAMPS -** Consistent for the most part and seldom finishes far off the mark. Has not more than a place chance, though
- **7. GASTON CABS -** Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- **8. ELGUZ DE FLORANGE -** Acquitted himself on his reappearance in a similar race so ought to do likewise here. Keep safe
- **9. GUIBSON DU SOLNAN -** Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- **10. HEAVEN QUICK -** Performed well against the excellent Gaëtan at this venue on 22 December. Will be a factor here on that form
- **11. HODOSIS -** Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day

Summary: GRACE PARKER (1), confirmed under these conditions, has won consecutive recent outings - with the latest of those achieved at this venue, so will be hard to beat. However, she'll not have things her own way with HEAVEN QUICK (10), who is in good form and physical condition, likely to fight for victory too. FASHION DE VAL (4) and ELGUZ DE FLORANGE (8) are other likely to play leading roles.

SELECTIONS

GRACE PARKER (1) - HEAVEN QUICK (10) - FASHION DE VAL (4) - ELGUZ DE FLORANGE (8)

C2 - PRIX D'AGNANO - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class - Mounted - EUR € 23.000

- **1. ISARD JARZEEN -** Remains barefoot. Showed improvement when third last time out. Very unreliable with disqualification issues but can contest the finish when wise
- **2. JAGUAR ATOUT -** Remains barefoot. Not disgraced when fifth in a Mounted race last time out. Capable of better and can contest the finish
- **3. HADOL DE FAEL -** Disqualified twice since winning in October. Hard to trust and is probably best when barefoot and is not barefoot this time
- **4. INOUIE DOMPIERRE -** Remains barefoot. Not disgraced when fifth last time out but does have disqualification issues. Versatile distance-wise and can score
- **5. JUMANJI BROUETS -** Broke through with his first win last time out in his 36th start. Tougher task but can follow up
- **6. HOLD UP PECE -** Has struggled since only win in March. Well beaten in last Mounted races but is capable of an upset
- **7. ITTY D'AIMTE -** Remains barefoot. On a very long losing streak and has only been modest of late. Others are preferred
- **8. HERMINE SIMARDIERE -** On a very long losing run since only win. Has struggled in last four starts but could improve in a Mounted race this time

Summary: JUMANJI BROUETS (5) took 36 starts to crack a win but is unlikely it will be another 36 starts for another win. He may well follow up as he has scope in Mounted races. INOUIE DOMPIERRE (4) was not disgraced when fifth last time out and should do a lot better this time. ISARD JARZEEN (1) is very unreliable but did show improvement when third last time out and has a winning chance. HOLD UP PECE (6) has struggled of late but cannot be ruled out from winning.

SELECTIONS

JUMANJI BROUETS (5) - INOUIE DOMPIERRE (4) - ISARD JARZEEN (1) - HOLD UP PECE (6)

C3 - PRIX DE VENCE - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 26.000

- **1. HAYASTAN DE ROSAN -** Showd signs of improvement last time so could get into the picture here if building on that progress
- **2. IZARA DE VIETTE -** Has shown signs of improvement recently and is associated for the first time with David Békaert. Keep safe
- **3. FICIMER -** Inconsistent but is seldom far off the mark when remaining wise throughout. Has no more than a place chance
- **4. FUNKY JET -** Unconsistent for the most part, so is not incapable of staking a claim in a race of this nature. Place chance
- **5. FEU DE STAR -** Unreliable but seldom far off the mark when applied. Has no more than a place chance, though
- **6. HOLLENBOURG -** Is in great shape and physical condition so should be competitive for the places. Can get into the picture
- **7. IDEFIX D'OLMEN -** Now has two comeback races in his legs so should this time compete for a spot on the podium. Not taken lightly
- **8. ISEO DE LOU -** Closely matched in recent form with IDEM JIHEM (10) so should have a role to play here. Keep safe
- **9. GEODE DU CHERISAY -** Made a satisfactory comeback and should have more to offer here racing unshod
- **10. IDEM JIHEM -** Nearing a victory and could not dream of a better opportunity to achieving that goal here. One to beat

Summary: IDEM JIHEM (10) was ahead of ISEO DE LOU (8) and IDEFIX D'OLMEN (7) in a close finish in the reference event over this course and distance earlier this month so are expected to fight for victory. Unshod GEODE DU CHERISAY (9) is, however, capable of playing spoilsport. Be careful, also, of HOLLENBURG (6).

SELECTIONS

IDEM JIHEM (10) - ISEO DE LOU (8) - IDEFIX D'OLMEN (7) - GEODE DU CHERISAY (9)

C4 - PRIX LA MAURA - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 29.000

- 1. ICARE DES CHAMPS Struggling to regain form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- 2. IL VILLAGGIO Was not at his best when at fault in the benchmark early last month. Capable of having a say here judged on his best references
- 3. IROCCO DE VIETTE Usually does well when avoiding disqualification and seldom finishes far off the mark. Outsider
- 4. ILLICO DU GUESNE Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
- 5. INNOCENT DU BOURG Seldom finishes far off the mark and could get into the picture here but has no more than a place chance
- 6. IVY METAL Had excuses on his reappearance, barring which he would've certainly achieved abetter result. Winning chance
- 7. IDEE NOIRE Caught the eye last time out and has sound references at this venue, so cannot be taken lightly. Outsider
- 8. IL PRESIDENTE Made a convincing start to life with Nicolas Ensch and will race fully unshod for this engagement. Will be a factor
- 9. INVISIBLE SAM Unreliable but is not incapable of getting into the picture judged on what he has done best. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- 10. INCAHUASI Races completely unshod for just the second time in his career so may well have more to offer. Dark horse
- 11. ISBA BESNOT Not the most reliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- **12. INDIAN DANEHILL** Inconsistent although not entirely incapable of getting a look in here. Has more of a place chance than a winning one
- 13. IN THE AIR DELO Has not disappointed in his three outings with this shoe fitting. Should have a role to play
- 14. ILLICO DU JAS Usually does well when avoiding disqualification and seldom finishes far off the mark. Place chance
- 15. IMAGINE D'AR A class mare, she will be put into race mode here, but may still miss a course.

Summary: Particularly open event in which IVY METAL (6) offers the most guarantees, as he has the means to trot at a rate of 1'13" and fractions over long distances at Cagnes. That is enough to win a race of this nature, so he gets the nod ahead of IL PRESIDENTE (8), who races fully unshod, and consistent IN THE AIR DELO (13) as well as the ideally engaged IMAGINE D'AR (15), all of whom are capable of fighting for victory here. IL VILLAGGIO (2) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

IVY METAL (6) - IL PRESIDENTE (8) - IN THE AIR DELO (13) - IMAGINE D'AR (15)

C5 - PRIX DE SAN SIRO - 2150m (a1 5/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 26.000

- **1. JOCKSTRAP -** Has major disqualification issues. Has won over this distance before but is very hard to trust
- **2. JOUEUR TURGOT -** Disqualified twice in last three starts but did win with this shoe arrangement in September and can bounce back to score
- **3. JACKPOT DU VIVIER -** Won three times in 2022 and was not as good last year winning once. Just in need of last run and should be ready to go close
- **4. JACK FLAC -** Disqualified last time out when returning from a break. Likes this course and is capable of an upset fitter thsi time
- **5. JOKER DU MIDI -** On a very long losing streak since only win. Has been struggling for some time now and others are preferred
- **6. JOYEUX MESLOIS -** On a long losing run but did need last two starts. Barefoot this time and is capable of an upset
- **7. JEEK D'ACADIE -** Has major disqualification issues but did win twice last year and is capable of winning when wise
- **8. JASONIA DANICA -** Good last run when runner-up at this course last time out. Runs well with this shoe arrangement and has won this track and trip. Go close
- **9. JIFF LINE -** Not disgraced when fourth at this course alst time out. Was barefoot then and is not barefoot this time. Might place
- **10. JOJO LAPIN -** Won three times last year but lost form in last three starts and should need this run returning from a break
- **11. JOURDAM SEVEN** Disqualified last time out and has struggled of late but has won twice over this short distance. Has not out of it
- **12. JASMINA GEDE -** Only win was in 2022. Struggled in 2023 and has major disqualification issues so others are preferred

Summary: The front-row competitors should take the lion's share. JOUEUR TURGOT (2) has a good record with this shoe arrangment and can bounce back to score. JACKPOT DU VIVIER (3) proved just in need of the last run and should be ready to go close to score. JEEK D'ACADIE (7) is better than the last two runs would suggest and is barefoot and ready to strike. JASONIA DANICA (8) runs well with this shoe arrangment and is a course and distance winner so deserves respect.

SELECTIONS

JOUEUR TURGOT (2) - JACKPOT DU VIVIER (3) - JOYEUX MESLOIS (6) - JASONIA DANICA (8)

C6 - PRIX AMYOT - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 12.000

- **1. EXPLOIT GEDE -** On a very long losing run and has really struggled with disqualification issues. Others are much preferred
- 2. FILLMORE Modest last run when ninth at this course. Barefoot and capable of better but others are preferred
- **3. EXTRA MOSSA -** Races barefoot for the first time since 25 April. Disappointing recent form but could bounce back to score
- **4. EXO NELGER -** Disappointing recent form but did win a claimer when last barefoot and is barefoot this time. Can upset
- **5. FLEUVE DU SABLIER** Last win was at this course in July but has struggled since then and has disqualification issues. Others are preferred
- **6. FEMINISTU MAG -** On a very long losing run and has major disqualification issues. Best watched for now
- **7. FAX MADRIK -** Last win was a claimer in June. Has struggled since this but could be the surprise package of the race
- **8. DARWIN LA MESANGE -** Capable although inconsistent veteran with sufficient means to stake a claim in the finish. Keep safe
- **9. DEAR MONEY -** Finished third in a similar event last summer so should not be underestimated. Place chance
- **10. FISTON D'AWAGNE** Competing in a claiming race for the first time since his acquisition last winter. Not taken lightly and deserves respect
- **11. DES SABOTS D'OR -** Has switched stables recently but retains the means to play a role in the finish. More of a place chance than a winning one, though
- **12. EL FUEGO -** Remains barefoot. On a very long losing run and has struggled in last four starts. Returns from a short break and could need this run
- **13. DUANG TAA -** Drops in class and no longer has to prove himself in this category. Has the means to fight for victory
- **14. DARK SIDE** Returns to the scene of his latest success and faces opposition well within his reach. Has a winning chance

Summary: DARK SIDE (14) is back at the scene of his last win and can score again. DUANG TAA (13) is back in a claimer and should fight out the finish yet again. EXTRA MOSSA (3) has been a disappointment of late b ut is barefoot and should improve in this division. FEMINISTU MAG (6) is another that struggled with disqualifications but is capable of winning a claimer.

SELECTIONS

DARK SIDE (14) - DUANG TAA (13) - EXTRA MOSSA (3) - DARWIN LA MESANGE (8)

C7 - PRIX DES ORMES - 2925m (a1 13/16m) - Class - Harness - EUR € 22.000

- **1. KRAKITO BELLO -** Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
- **2. KLAVER -** Has looked decidedly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore
- **3. KALGARY -** Made a discreet reappearance and is remains capable of a lot better. Not taken lightly here
- **4. KAPOOR D'OLMEN -** The pick of the Martens brothers and has already revealed serious means. High on the shortlist
- **5. KENAVO DU BOUILLON -** Unshod for the first time and ought to be competitive here if remaining wise. Not taken lightly
- **6. KYLLIAN -** Unreliable but seldom finishes far off the mark on a going day. Hard to trust but is as hard to rule out
- **7. KING MAKER -** Has been gaining momentum since joining David Alexandre and has the means to get onto the podium
- **8. KOALA -** Caught the eye with an interesting finish to the benchmark race on 20 December. One to watch
- **9. KERNEL DE NUIT -** Has looked decidedly ordinary for some time now so her chances are limited here, even at this level. Ignore
- **10. KENZO DE KERUZOC -** Struggling to regain any form or spark the improvement needed to be competitive here, so unlikely to trouble the judge
- **11. KARNA SANTIGNY -** Cloesly matched with KOOPLES ERA (14) on the form of their 20 December meeting. Unshod for the first time
- **12. KRUNCH BOCNEUF -** Winner two starts back but is more effective racing unshod, so is best watched for now. Others preferred
- **13. KREIZ DE PRAT GUEN -** Out of sorts and not likely to trouble the judge here on the evidence of recent displays. For another day
- **14. KOOPLES ERA -** Consistent sort with sound form references and dicovers a tailor-made entry here. One to beat

Summary: An excellent 2nd in the benchmark event on 20 December, KOOPLES ERA (14) is ideally engaged here and ought to open his account. However, he does not have much margin against the likes of KARNA SANTIGNY (11), KOALA (8) and KING MAKER (7) - all of whom are likely to pose a threat. KAPOOR D'OLMEN (4) and KALGARY (3) also deserve a mention.

SELECTIONS

KOOPLES ERA (14) - KARNA SANTIGNY (11) - KAPOOR D'OLMEN (4) - KOALA (8)